

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GLENN THOMPSON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Centre Area Transportation Authority, 2081 West Whitehall Road, State College, PA 16801, in the amount of \$300,000. Funding will be used for compressed natural gas powered articulated transit buses.

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**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama School of Math and Science

Address of Requesting Entity: 1255 Dauphin St., Mobile, Alabama 36604

Description of Request: Provide \$100,000 for curriculum development and training for teachers of Advanced Placement (AP) courses, along with upgrades to server and computer networks for the Alabama School of Math and Science (ASMS). Approximately, \$25,000 (25%) will be used for curriculum development and an AP workshop for faculty; \$35,000 (35%) will be used for computer lab equipment; \$34,000 (34%) will be used for computer upgrades for faculty and staff; and \$6,000 (6%) for server upgrades to accommodate new technology. ASMS is Alabama's statewide public school for science, technology, engineering, and math, grades 10–12. ASMS' AP program has been recognized for being in the top ten schools in Alabama for AP scores. A school with the mission of science and technology education must have adequate technological resources to carry out its purpose, and ASMS' computer network is badly outdated and in need of replacement. As STEM education continues to be a national and regional priority, ASMS is working to educate Alabama's future doctors, scientists, manufacturers and engineers.

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Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Daphne, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 1705 Main St., Daphne, AL 36526

Description of Request: Provide \$100,000 to fund improvements to library equipment at the Daphne Public Library. Of the requested funds, approximately \$20,000 (20%) will go to

acquisition of fiber optics cable; \$20,000 (20%) for server equipment upgrades; \$25,000 (25%) for computer hardware and peripheral equipment; \$10,000 (10%) for computer software; \$10,000 (10%) for instructional computer equipment; \$3,500 (3.5%) for a computer lab printing server; \$3,000 (3%) for computer lab furnishings; \$3,200 (3.2%) for instructional computer materials; and \$5,300 (5.3%) for other library books and materials. Daphne Library is a public library serving a rapidly growing city in one of the fastest growing counties in Alabama. Ensuring its citizens have access to relevant and effective information and new technology is an important part of sustaining the county's growth and ensuring the success and stability of the community.

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 65 Government St., Mobile, AL 36602

Description of Request: Provide \$100,000 to fund equipment and programs to help teachers teach science and technology curriculum so area children may become more interested in science and its related industries. Approximately, \$35,000 (35%) is to develop and produce teacher training modules and science and engineering learning kits that address skills development used in the engineering design process; \$25,000 (25%) for the acquisition of computer technology to implement the project; \$25,000 (25%) for the acquisition of science and engineering learning kits; and \$15,000 (15%) to train teachers on the fundamentals of the engineering sciences. This request aligns with national, statewide and south Alabama priorities for workforce development in support of new area industries. Congress and the administration have also committed to increasing student interest and participation in science and technology education, a need the Exploreum directly addresses.

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Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—(HRSA) Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Infirmity Health System, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5 Mobile Infirmity Circle, Mobile, Alabama 36609

Description of Request: Provide \$250,000 to assist with the implementation of an Electronic Health Record System through the purchase of hardware and software, along with implementation and training as a part of phase two of Infirmity Health System's adoption of an integrated electronic health records system across four non-profit acute care hospitals and a network of other facilities. Approximately, \$75,000 (30%) is for the purchase of computer equipment for use by clinicians in direct patient care areas; \$50,000 (20%) for education and training of physicians and other clinical users; \$75,000 (30%) for software and networking costs associated with the EHR; and \$50,000 (20%) for implementation assistance from certified clinical or software specialists. Electronic Health Records (EHR) improve efficiency and reduce costs by eliminating duplicative, and potentially dangerous, tests and

prescriptions. EHR also helps hospitals manage beds and operating rooms more effectively. Transitions to EHR are a priority of the Department of Health and Human Services and are a necessary component in controlling health care costs while improving quality. Infirmity Health System has committed to matching these funds fully.

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Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—(HRSA) Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Providence Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 6801 Airport Boulevard, Mobile, AL

Description of Request: Provide \$250,000 to fund components for future installation of 2 generators and a 3000 amp ATS including conduit to future generator location. Of the funds requested, approximately, \$22,579 (9%) will be used for a generator to provide temporary power; \$8,300 (3.3%) for engineering and permit; \$6,000 (2.4%) for concrete pads for equipment support; \$120,000 (48%) for materials; and \$93,121 (37.2%) for labor. This installation will allow the hospital to use a temporary generator during major power outages at a much reduced cost of installation. The Mobile area has been significantly impacted by 14 hurricanes in the last 19 years, accompanied by widespread power outages. During these storms and others, Providence works with public health agencies to take on patients from many other local and regional facilities. Because hurricane season coincides with the hottest months of the year, reliable air conditioning is necessary for infection prevention, disease control, and sufficient ventilation.

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Account: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Rose Administration Building, Box 870117, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Description of Request: Provide \$355,000 to expand the University of Alabama West Alabama Autism Outreach Center to enhance community services, physician outreach, and education programs serving the needs of rural and underserved west Alabama families, who are among 30,000 people struggling with ASD in Alabama. Funds will be used to implement community education and outreach programs using personal and telemedicine visits. Approximately, \$125,000 (35%) will be used for early recognition and screening training within community medical settings; \$175,000 (50%) will be used for community-based intervention services in both early intervention and education settings; \$55,000 (15%) will be used to evaluate program effectiveness. This program is designed to address a public health crisis in Alabama where autism diagnoses are made one and a half years later than in other parts of the country and where children receive only 4% of nationally recommended early intervention hours.

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